STATE OF MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 1998-986

March 17, 2000

USX Consultants, Inc. Request to Abandon Service ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO ABANDON SERVICE

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

On December 21, 1998, USX Consultants, Inc. (USX) filed a request to abandon service pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1104(1).

Because there are a large number of competitive telephone utilities available to serve its former customers, the request to abandon service is granted. USX notified its customers on its last three billing statements that it no longer will provide telephone service.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 17th day of March, 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl

Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR:

Welch Nugent Diamond

NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REVIEW OR APPEAL

5 M.R.S.A. § 9061 requires the Public Utilities Commission to give each party to an adjudicatory proceeding written notice of the party's rights to review or appeal of its decision made at the conclusion of the adjudicatory proceeding. The methods of review or appeal of PUC decisions at the conclusion of an adjudicatory proceeding are as follows:

- 1. <u>Reconsideration</u> of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
- 2. <u>Appeal of a final decision</u> of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320 (1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73 et seq.
- 3. <u>Additional court review</u> of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320 (5).

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